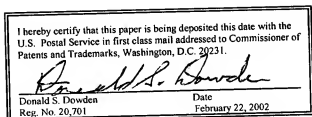


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Sir:

We are submitting herewith an Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status - Small Business Concern, which refers to the application identified above by the title and name of the inventors. The undersigned hereby certifies that it identifies application serial number 10/030,504, filed January 8, 2002 (attorney docket number 0796/66513).

We hereby claim small-entity status for this application.

On January 8, 2002, we filed with the USPTO a new patent application based on large entity status and paid a filing fee of \$1,088.00. It has now been determined that the application qualifies for small-entity status.

The applicants therefore hereby request a refund of half the filing fee, namely a refund in the amount of \$544.00.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

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